



# A Day at the Illinois State Fair

A Social Story







**I am going to have a fun day at the Illinois State Fair. Someone who takes care of me (mom, dad, family) will help me get to the fair. We will stay together at the fair and have fun.**





**When we get to the fair, I will see lots of cars, people and buildings. People will be walking and talking around me. We will park our vehicle. I will walk with a grown-up in the parking lot to the entrance of the fair.**





**There are lots of fun things to do at the fair. The fair has food, animals, people, buildings to walk in, a park and games. I can tell an adult what I want to see. We will look at a map to see where everything is located.**





**At the fair, there will be many people. I might have to wait in a line to see an animal or get some food. I will wait in line with my group until it is our turn.**



**We might do something new. I  
can listen to my family or  
friends and learn what to do. I  
can ask questions if I do not  
know what to do.**





**There will be lots of kids  
coming to the fair with  
their families. I will walk  
and stay next to the people  
who I come to the fair with.**





**We will hear lots of sounds at the fair. The sounds I hear might be sounds of people talking, the sounds animals make, music sounds or tractors. I am safe even if there is a loud sound.**





**We will see and smell food.  
Someone who takes care of  
me will help me find  
something to eat. We might  
have to wait in line so  
someone can make our food.**





**We will look at animals. The big animals will stay in a fence, and I will stay outside the fence to look at them.**





**Some animals are little. There might be baby sheep, goats, pigs and cows. If a grown-up tells me I can touch a little animal, then it is safe to pet them. If I do not want to touch the animals, I can say "no".**





**If I am thirsty, or hungry, I can ask for help getting food or water. If I am hot, someone who takes care of me can help me find a shady spot to sit and cool off for a few minutes.**



**If I need some quiet time or space, someone who takes care of me can take me to The Sensory Station. The Sensory Station is a quiet room inside of a building with useful tools to help me when I feel overwhelmed. I can stay here a few minutes until I feel better. Then, I can go see more things at the fair.**





**Someone who takes care of me will tell me when it is time to go home. We will walk back to our parking spot and drive home.**





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Things you might SEE and HEAR at the fair:



Animals



Rides



Barns



People



Tractors



Food & Drinks